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Garcia, a Leader of the UGT
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1. During the last week of December 1946, Gabino Sanchez, a Negrin Socialist, came to Hendaye to meet a liaison agent from Spain, who was to take some 8,000 pesetas to the interior. Sanchez had come to Hendaye from Marseilles, and on 27 December he left for Paris where, he said, he expected to meet Negrin.
2. During October, Gabino Sanchez went to Spain, returning to France in the latter part of November. One of the chief aims of his visit was to bring back with him Claudina Garcia, a woman who, according to Sanchez, represents the entire Union General de Trabajadores of the interior, and who belonged to the first and second committees of the Alianza Nacional de Fuerzas Democraticas as UGT delegate. Reportedly, Claudina Garcia was a signatory to the initial pact of the ANFD and worked actively with such leaders of the organization as Regulo Martinez Sanchez, Antonio Perez, Carreno Espana and Jose Leiva, present Minister of Agriculture in the Giral Government.
3. Sanchez persuaded Claudina Garcia to return to France. He delivered a sum of money to her while in Spain and contracted to pay the expenses of her trip and sojourn in France. [REDACTED] Sanchez stated that the Negrin Socialists had little money at their disposal although Negrin himself had funds. Sanchez hoped that Claudina Garcia, as representative of the UGT in Spain, might reach an agreement with the UGT group of Ramon Lamonedo and Ramon Gonzalez Pena and then undertake negotiations toward unification with the Trifon Gomez UGT committee. 25X1X6
4. In Spain, Sanchez contacted Rafael Henche as soon as he reached Madrid. The Socialist group which maintains relations with the British Embassy in Madrid apparently resented his activities and accused him of having come to the interior to intrigue. He was received more cordially by the UGT committee than by any other group, and the committee approved of Claudina Garcia's trip to France.
5. Gabino Sanchez states that there is considerable difference of opinion among the Socialists in Spain on the Negrin-Prieto dispute, on the decisions of the Congress of Toulouse held in May 1946 and on Socialist policy in general. It is his opinion that neither Negrin nor Prieto is extremely popular in the interior, although there is a semblance of a Prieto faction and of a Negrin faction. He persists in his hope that the majority of Socialists will ultimately accept Negrin as leader.

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6. While in Spain, Sanchez discussed with Henche the constitution of a "Fighting Spain" (Espana Combatiente), which is an old idea of the Negrinists, but conceded that such a plan could not be realized without the direct aid of a foreign power to the Spanish republicans. Gabino Sanchez said that there might be a nation willing to give such aid, and hinted that the nation was France. He alluded to the hope, or rather belief, of the Negrin Socialists that if Negrin were recognized as the chief of the republicans, he might secure armed aid for the overthrow of Franco from elements in Czechoslovakia, Poland, and various Russian satellite countries.
7. Sanchez holds Prime Minister Giral in low esteem and asserted that he was not popular inside Spain. He thinks that Giral must be unseated as head of the Republican Government-in-Exile before anything constructive can be accomplished toward the removal of Franco. He discussed his attitude toward Giral with Hoyos, delegate in France of the Alianza Republicana Espanola, and stated that he and Hoyos were in complete agreement in their opinion of the prime minister of the exile government.

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